

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
1 March 2022
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, and JoAnn Robinson, Michael Gervais and Kim Goldinger, Associate Commissioner.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Meister and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer to accept the minutes from February 1, 2022 with edits. A roll call vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion. A motion was made by Commissioner Meister and seconded by Commissioner Gervais to accept the minutes from February 10, 2022 with edits. A roll call vote was taken and all voted in favor of the motion.
4. Discussions and Hearings:
 - 7:35pm Sign Hearing for 458 Massachusetts Avenue.** Mehmet Sahin presented design plans for the sign for Ink by Mina Tattoo. A motion was made by Commissioner Gervais and seconded by Commissioner Schaefer to approve the plan as presented. A roll call vote was taken and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
 - 7:50pm Continued Formal Hearing for 85 Lake Street.**
Commissioner Gervais reported on plans:
The porch will have the same railing and trim around the door on the porch will be the same as trim around the other doors. A new window plan is needed due to supply issues and the owners are looking to order JELD-WEN windows that have wood that is clad, but have the same features as the previously approved windows. Commissioner Meister made a motion to approve the windows as presented. Commissioner Stange seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.
5. Project Reviews
 - a. Commissioner Gervais reported that 309 Lake Street work is complete.
 - b. Commissioner Gervais reported on 821 Massachusetts Avenue. All window openings have been boarded up. The alarm system has not been installed.
 - c. Commissioner Gervais reported that the Medford Street and 471 Massachusetts Avenue project has not yet begun. The ZBA has not approved all aspects of the plans. The hearing letter could be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the board could reach out to the Commission if additional information is needed.
 - d. Commissioner Gervais reported on 29-31 Bartlett Street. A stained glass window was replaced and there is a proposal for a new design for the door on the back of the house.
 - e. Commissioner Gervais and Commissioner Stange reported on 47 Bailey Street. A diagram of the plans for the back to the house was sent to Michael Ciampa at the Building Department to clarify the plans. Work has not started.

- f. 7 Village Lane- Commissioner Gervais will check in with the owners regarding plans for the garage door.

Old Business:

A stop work order has been issued because unapproved work was underway at 129 Lake Street. Commissioner Robinson sent minutes, project review information, and the MACRIS Inventory sheet to Attorney Annese. Michael Ciampa may also have permits from the past work at 129 Lake Street.

New Business:

Commissioner Gervais reported on the letter to real estate companies in Arlington with information about the Inventory and asked the Commissioners to review the letter by Friday, March 4, 2022. It was also suggested to send the letter to the Chamber of Commerce and real estate companies in surrounding towns and major contractors. Michael Ciampa will also receive copies of the letter.

The Commissioners shared that updates and revisions to the town website are in process.

Commissioner Gervais nominated Kim Goldinger to be a Commissioner. Commissioner Robinson will look at procedures regarding this nomination.

When will we return to live meetings? How to combine Zoom and live meetings? Investigating this topic.

Commissioner Gervais reported on the blasting planned in Arlington near some historic homes. Commissioner Robinson stated that the Commission could inform the owners and blasting company know that there are historic properties in the blasting area that are on the National Register and two of them have preservation restrictions. Our job is to protect and preserve these properties which are critically important and under our jurisdiction. It was suggested that a letter regarding the Historical Commission's concerns could be impactful if it comes from the Town Counsel, Doug Heim.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 8:52pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be April 5, 2022.

for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.